whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of Sri Lankan Plantation and Industry Minister Shri Ranjan Wijeratna that the repatriation of over one lakh Tamils of Indian origin under 1964 pact would start as soon as Indian Government was able to resume the ferry service between Taliai-Munner and Rameswaram and that non-resumption of ferry service by India would amount to sabotage of the 1964 pact; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): Yes, Sir. Government have seen reports of this statement, but no formal note has been received by the Government.

Sri Lanka Minister's Statement on Sending Back Tamil Refugees

1556. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have *&eea* a statement of Sri Lankan Cabinet Minister and Spokesman Ranjan Wijeratne issued in Colombo on 3rd May, published in Hindustan Times of 4th May, 1990 alleging India's failure to take back 1, 00, 000 Tamilian plantation workers of Indian origin and India's responsibility to send back Sri Lankan Tamil refugees and also making adverse comments on the role of the IPKF; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Governmeit of India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India always honours its international commitments and 233 R. S—5

Government is prepared to discuss with the "Sri Lanka Government the modalities involved in the repatriation of Indian citizens in Sri Lanka concurrently with the return of Sri Lankan refugees from India as provided for in the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. However, Government cannot be unmindful of the fact that this matter involves human beings and not mere numbers. The simultaneous movement will have to be organised in a manner which minimises human suffering and takes into account the arrangements for rehabilitation and resettlement of those involved.

यमुना नदी पर एक पुल का निर्माण करने की योजना

1557. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 27 दिसम्बर, 1989 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 231 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने इलाहाबाद में यमुना नदी पर एक पुल के निर्माण से संबंधित योजना पर किये जाने वाले कुल व्यय के एक तिहाई भाग को वहन करने के लिए अपनी स्वीकृति दे दी है; और

(ख) क्या भूमि का अधिग्रहण किये जाने से संबंधित प्रक्रिया प्रारम्भ हो चुकी है अथवा नहीं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री के०पी० उन्नीकृष्णन) (क) और (ख) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार, भूमि अधिग्रहण की लागत को स्वयं वहन करने के अतिरिक्त पुल के निर्माण के लिए बतौर लागत 10 करोड़ रु० मुहैया कराने के लिए सहमत हो गई है । उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि भूमि अधिग्रहण हेतु अनुमान तयार कर लिया गया है तथा इस समय उनके द्वारा जांच की जा रही है ।